

**Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 12, No. 5 – Tuesday, February 5, 2019**

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**1. Chilhowee Park Stake Holder Meeting is ON**

Tonight, Tuesday, Feb. 5, an open community meeting to discuss the future use of Chilhowee Park and Exposition Center WILL be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Jacob Building, 3301 E. Magnolia Ave.

Consultants from Convention Sports and Leisure (CSL) will meet with current park tenants, event planners, and other stakeholders prior to the community meeting. City Council will be meeting to discuss the project at a later date.

Last month, City Council approved a \$200,000 contract with CSL, hiring the consultant team to develop a strategic business and facility plan for the park. As CSL moves forward with reviewing the current uses and existing market conditions for Chilhowee Park, stakeholders and the public will be asked for their input and ideas.

Today's stakeholder and community meetings will be the first of many. As the study moves forward, community members will have numerous opportunities to weigh in and be a part of the discussion. Anyone wishing to share their ideas for Chilhowee Park's future is encouraged to come to the 5:30 p.m. meeting.

Anyone needing a disability accommodation to be able to attend this meeting or any public meeting should contact Stephanie Cook at [scook@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:scook@knoxvilletn.gov) or 865-215-2034. For an English interpreter, contact Title VI Coordinator Tatia M. Harris at 865-215-2831.

## **2. NAC to Meet With Mayor**

The Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 4:30 p.m. at the Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St. with Mayor Madeline Rogero as the guest speaker. The Mayor will hear concerns, answer questions, give updates, and generally get updated on neighborhood issues.

All are invited and welcome to attend. Comments and questions will be made by the council members first. If time allows, questions or comments can be taken from the audience.

The NAC meets monthly. Members are appointed by the Mayor to serve three year terms giving advice about neighborhood issues to the City's administration and returning valuable information back to their neighborhoods.

For more information, contact Debbie Sharp, 215-4382 or [dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov).

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## **3. Active Shooter Safety Workshop Offered**

Knoxville Police Department and Office of Neighborhoods are sponsoring a workshop on how to protect yourself in an active shooter situation, Thursday, Feb. 28, from 6-8 p.m. in the Civic Coliseum Reception Hall.

As a society, we are hearing more about these situations and we want people to feel prepared if faced with this in your neighborhood.

If you have questions, please contact Debbie Sharp at [dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov), or 215-4382.

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## **4. OON Wants to Know What's Happening in Your Neighborhood**

Do you have a neighborhood event coming up? Share with us! Tell us about a neighborhood event, meeting, clean-up, cookout or whatever you might be up to. It is a great way to get more people involved. We can write up an article for our newsletter, or even post about it on Facebook to reach more Knoxville neighbors!

Whether you've created a Facebook event that you want us to be "interested" in or share directly, we can easily help spread the word about your events.

If you aren't following us on Facebook already, all you have to do is check out our [page](#) and then hit "like" to see our posts and updates for Knoxville neighborhoods, City events, and other community news!

## **5. Neighborhood Conference Photo Feature**

The Office of Neighborhoods wants your photos to be featured at the 2019 Neighborhood Conference!

We are now accepting photos from neighborhood events during 2018 to be displayed at the 2019 Neighborhood Conference. Photos, in digital or print form, will be accepted until Monday, Apr. 22, at 5 p.m. If submitting digitally, please provide the image in a .jpg format.

Please submit photos to Hannah Freeman at [hfreeman@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:hfreeman@knoxvilletn.gov) or mail photos to Room 528, 400 Main St., Knoxville TN 37902.

## **6. League of Women Voters Hosts Citizen Academy**

The League of Women Voters of Knoxville, Knox County (LWV) is hosting a one-day Citizen Academy on Public School Finance and Budgeting, Saturday, Feb. 9, 9 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 620 State St.

For those wishing to arrive early and network, breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. The Academy costs \$10 per person, with a 75 person limit, and [registration](#) is required. Scholarships are available upon request. Parking is available under the building for free.

Many are passionate about public education, yet it may be difficult to understand how the Knox County School budget works.

Citizen Academy is open to all residents of Knox County. No previous knowledge of school finance is required. This will be an informal event that is welcoming of any age or organization, and particularly welcoming of rising leaders.

In the morning, participants will learn about the basics of school budgeting, with the Finance Directors of Knox County Schools (KCS) and Knox County, Joe Snyder and Chris Caldwell; and about the state funding formula, the BEP, with Lance McCold.

You will have a choice of classes in the afternoon that walk you through topics such as:

- Budgets for Buildings, with Russ Oaks, COO of KCS;
- Communicating with School Board and Commission, with former Commissioners Rep. Dave Wright, Bob Thomas, Mark Harmon, and former Board of Education Chair, Lynne Fugate;
- Strategic Planning to Meet Student Needs, with Courtney Shay and Shay Boswell of the Strategic Plan Coalition; and
- Lessons in Organizing, with Jon Shefner and Brad Rayson.

The final session is a community conversation on growing the KCS budget.

If you have questions or need childcare, contact Jamey Dobbs, chair of the League's Citizen Academy committee, at [jameydobbs@yahoo.com](mailto:jameydobbs@yahoo.com). For more information, you can visit the LWV's [Facebook page](#).

Volunteers are also needed at this Academy. If interested, please reply to Jane Peoples, Volunteer Coordinator at [jpeoples2015@att.net](mailto:jpeoples2015@att.net).

## **7. Correction: Planning One Year Plan Meetings Held in February**

Please note two corrections for Knoxville-Knox County Planning's upcoming One Year Plan meetings:

First, the organization formally known as MPC has changed their name to [Knoxville-Knox County Planning](#). While we do have that correct, they will NOT be operating under the acronym of KKCP. Instead, Knoxville-Knox County Planning will be referred to as "Planning." Moving forward, we will work hard to refer to Planning as their title, and make the indication of "Planning Staff" and "Planning Commission" where needed.

Second, the New Harvest Park One Year Plan meeting will be held on Feb. 19, but it is a Tuesday and not a Monday. Please see the corrected list of upcoming, and past, Planning One Year Plan meetings, below:

- Monday, Feb. 4, Middlebrook Pike United Methodist Church, 7234 Middlebrook Pike
- Monday, Feb. 11, South Doyle Middle School Library, 3900 Decatur Rd.
- Tuesday, Feb. 19, New Harvest Park Community Building, 4775 New Harvest Ln.

The One Year Plan meetings are your opportunity to provide input on updates for amendments to the 2018 plan, permitted land use and zoning districts, and development policies. One Year Plan Update meetings are all planned at 6 p.m.

For more information, check out <https://knoxmpc.org/one-year-plan/>.

## **8. Free Legal Clinic Offered**

CAC's Office on Aging will host a Pro Bono Legal Advice Clinic on Saturday, Mar. 9 at the LT Ross Building, 2247 Western Ave. from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

The LT Ross Building is accessible by KAT bus routes 12 and 13.

Services provided include advice on adoption, bankruptcy, custody, debt collection, grandparents' concerns, identity theft, power of attorney, social security, wills, estate planning and more. The Pro Bono Legal Advice Clinic is sponsored by the Rise Above Crime program of the Office on Aging and Legal Aid of East Tennessee. It also has assistance from the Knoxville Bar Association's Access to Justice Committee and volunteers from the legal community.

The Rise Above Crime program is free for Knoxville and Knox County residents 50 and older. The program aims to assist older residents who have been victims of physical,

sexual, or psychological violence; neglect; or economic exploitation and fraud overcome any trauma stemming from the abuse.

Rise Above Crime case workers are equipped to support victims of abuse. Services include a needs assessment to help determine if clients need help navigating legal action, safety protection, benefits, transportation, and interpretation. Case workers can also provide referrals for outside counselors, therapists, medical professionals, housing, or other community services.

If you suspect elder abuse or neglect, contact Adult Protective Services at 1-888-277-8366 or <https://reportadultabuse.dhs.tn.gov> for 24/7 reporting. For more information about the Rise above Crime program, call 865-524-2786.

### **9. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar** (click link for online calendar)

Call 215-4382 to include your neighborhood event or meeting in [this Google calendar](#).

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### **Other Calendars**

Here are other online calendars that cover events outside of the neighborhood realm:

- [Arts & Culture Alliance](#) (There's More to Knoxville)
- [Arts & Fine Crafts Center Classes](#) (City of Knoxville)
- [City of Knoxville General Calendar](#)

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